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MEN ON MISSION

**On The Cover**
South Africa partnership volunteers at work.


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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

# Baptist Men And The Promise Keepers Movement

On October 4, Nathan (my 8 year old son) and I attended the "Stand in the Gap" rally in Washington, DC. All together there were approximately one million men who attended this historic event. It was a very powerful and moving experience to hear and see a million men honoring God through their songs and prayers. I am often asked what I think about Promise Keepers. When asked, I tell people that I believe Promise Keepers has done a great job of helping Christian men to grow in their faith. Promise Keepers has helped many men to be more of the Christian husbands, fathers, and men that God wants them to be. I believe that God has used Promise Keepers to help many men to grow in their faith. The primary purpose of Promise Keepers is ministry to Christian men. The primary purpose of Baptist Men is to involve Christian men in missions. I believe that these two purposes can compliment each other. Men who have grown in their faith are more willing and able to serve Christ. I believe that the Promise Keepers experience can help to strengthen a local church's Baptist Men's/Men's Ministry program.

**The primary purpose of Baptist Men is to involve Christian men in missions.**

Recently, a Baptist Men's committee met with Promise Keepers leaders to discuss ways of strengthening local church Baptist Men/Men's Ministry programs by incorporating both missions and ministry into the Baptist Men/Men's Ministry program. A good model for this is the Baptist Men's program at Brunswick Islands Baptist Church in Southport, NC. Brunswick Islands Baptist Men include in their meeting program a devotional time, small group sharing/discussion, prayer time and a strong focus on mission projects. Other new models for effective missions and ministry are also being explored. Please pray for this committee as they seek to bring what we have before God and seek God's guidance on the best way to help churches involve their men in missions and ministry.

Richard Brunson

# Blessings Of Thanksgiving

RAYMOND EARP, NCBM PRESIDENT

*"Come home to Thanksgiving! Dear children, come home! From the Northland and the South from West and the East, Where'er ye are resting, Where'er ye roam, Come back to this sacred and annual feast."*

*Horace Greeley*

*Thanksgiving has been probably the biggest day at our home for the past 30 plus years. At least it is the only day that Anita's family all come together to celebrate every year. We stopped trying to get together at Christmas many years ago as the families grew and started their own traditions. But Thanksgiving is set aside by everyone in the family to gather in Beaufort-no special place- at one of the family homes. I have a special job on that day and that is to barbeque a pig. Last year I had two grandchildren, Stephen Lane Earp and Bethany King, who were in kindergarten. Their classes wrote stories about Thanksgiving dinner at their house. Both children wrote about the fact that they had pig instead of turkey. Bethany said, "My Poppy cooks the Thanksgiving dinner. We don't have turkey, we have pig. He gets the pig from Mr. Ashton and he cooks it on a grill for maybe 15 minutes. Now we eat the pig. We have beans too. We also have apples. It is good. My friends come over to eat at my Granny's too."*

*Over the years, the family has grown and there are many more of us now-between 35 and 40. Everyone brings a dish, but traditional dishes are a must, including corn bread, collards, sweet potatoes plain and simple, and pecan pie. Some of our kin are only seen on this special day, and we often wonder how each one will have changed in looks, who is pregnant, and who will marry next! Games, arts and crafts, and plenty of catching up goes on all day. There are always extra friends, in-laws, and neighbors who come to our Thanksgiving celebration.*

**Thanksgiving Day, the emotions we attach to this holiday, the people we share it with and the food we eat on it are hopelessly bound together.**

*The blessing is a recalling of many thanks around the big circle. We are especially thankful this year for the return of Sasha Skripnik to our home, for family, friends, good health, children, and on and on the blessings go. Thanksgiving Day, the emotions we attach to this holiday, the people we share it with, and the foods we eat on it are hopelessly bound together. Every slice of pig, or turkey, is a serving of tradition, each spoonful of collards is part of our heritage, each slice of pie an offering of love, of family, of tradition, of Thanksgiving.*

*In closing I would like to thank you for your service to Christ through North Carolina Baptist Men throughout this year. I wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.*

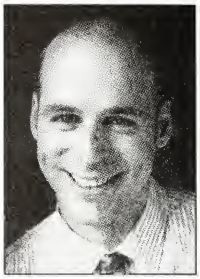
Raymond Earp

# 1998 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention in Raleigh On January 30–31

Denton Lotz, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the keynote speaker for the Friday evening session of the 1998 North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention on January 30–31 at Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Terry Rae, executive director, South Africa Baptist Union, and Taylor Field, director of Graffiti Ministry in New York will highlight the Saturday morning session. Bart Campolo, president, Kingdomworks Ministry, Philadelphia, PA, will be the main speaker for the Saturday afternoon session. Kyle Matthews, a renown Nashville, TN storyteller and contemporary concert artist who presents challenging images of the Gospel, along with Doug Berky, a Greenville, SC artist who presents the Gospel through mime, will lead in worship during each session.

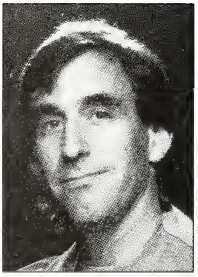
*Denton Lotz*

*Taylor Field*



*Bart Campolo*

*Kyle Matthews*



*Doug Berky*

**Agenda:**

*Friday evening, January 30 — Forest Hills Church, Raleigh*

5:00 to 7:00 — Supper for anyone who wishes to attend with special emphasis on South Africa and Ukraine mission efforts.

7:15 to 9:15 — Opening General Session, featuring Denton Lotz.

*Saturday, January 31 — Forest Hills Church, Raleigh*

9:00 to 11:00 — General Session, featuring Terry Rae and Taylor Field

11:10 to 12 noon — Mission Action Conferences

12 noon to 1:00 — Box Lunch served from the Disaster Relief Unit (suggested donations of $3 or more per person will be received in the meal line)

12 noon to 3:00 p.m. — Mission Fair Exhibits

1:00 to 1:50 — Mission Action Conferences

2:00 to 2:50 — Mission Action Conferences

3:00 to 5:00 — General Session, featuring Bart Campolo

5:00 to 7:00 — Volunteer Supper for anyone who wishes to attend with focus on the work of disaster relief volunteers. Guest speaker will be Jim Royston, executive director elect, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Cary.

**Hotel Reservations:**

The hotels below have agreed to give a special convention rate for the Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention. You will need to make your own hotel reservation directly with the one of your choice. Be sure to ask for the special Baptist State Convention rate. Other hotels are available in the Raleigh area, and you should feel free to choose any you like:

*Four Points Sheraton* — 4501 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh; telephone (919) 787–7111
Rates $58 plus tax for single/double

*Brownstone Hotel* — 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh; telephone (800) 331-7919
Rates $66 plus tax for single/double

*Ramada Inn Blue Ridge* — 1520 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh; telephone (800) 441–4709
Rates $68 plus tax for single/double

**Cost:**

No registration fee will be charged. An offering will be received Friday night and Saturday to help offset the program expense.

$6.00 — Friday supper focusing on South Africa and Ukraine Partnerships

$6.00 — Saturday supper focusing on Disaster Relief Volunteers

The meeting is open to ALL Baptist men and women, not just members of a church Brotherhood organization. Please register by using the Reservation Form on page 5.

# Baptist Men's Day Is Sunday January 25, 1998

The fourth Sunday in January is always designated Baptist Men's Day on the Southern Baptist calendar. The observance of Baptist Men's Day this year falls on January 25. This special day for Baptist men has a rich heritage which was begun in 1933. If January 25 is not a convenient date for Baptist Men's Day, reschedule this emphasis later in your church.

Baptist Men's Day is an opportunity to build the worship services around the laymen of the church. Too often they are neglected and the contributions they make to the life of the church ignored. Make this a special day for them. By doing so, the church family is strengthened. Remember, one of the greatest needs of our society today is for strong male role models.

To kick off Baptist Men's Day weekend, consider planning a Saturday morning breakfast followed by a wood splitting or other hands-on missions project on the day before Baptist Men's Day.

Work with your pastor to plan the Baptist Men's Day service. Recognize one or two outstanding men in your church. Present them with a certificate of appreciation or a recognition plaque.

Include as many men in both services as possible. Go beyond having them take up the collection, distribute bulletins, and usher. Have them read Scripture passages, lead congregational singing, and participate in a men's choir.

The service could be built around men sharing testimonies of their missions involvement. Give at least three men five minutes each to share about their personal ministries. Be sure to include participants from church mission projects in other cities, as well as individuals who have become active locally in specific ministries.

For additional information to plan Baptist Men's Day in your church, please call (800) 395–5102, ext. 331 or write NC Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

## *Mission Statement*

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*The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:*

- *enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities*
- *encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries*
- *educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities*
- *teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions*
- *lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.*

## NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MISSIONS CONFERENCE AND BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM — JANUARY 30–31, 1998

Complete and return by January 17. Please make check payable to NCBM and mail to P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

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Home Phone (  ) _____ Work Phone (  ) _____

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# _____ @ $6.00 per person — Saturday supper, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh

# Giving At Year-End 1997

JOHN ROBERSON, PRESIDENT,
NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

Toward the end of the annual year, individuals frequently review the past year's finances and their tax liability. As you reflect over the year, you may need to consider additional charitable contributions to reduce your 1997 taxes. While you are considering additional charitable contributions, please remember to include North Carolina Baptist Men as a recipient of your generosity.

In order for your gift to North Carolina Baptist Men through North Carolina Missions Development to affect tax savings for 1997, the gift must be postmarked and/or received by midnight on December 31. Whether you give cash (check), securities, real estate, insurance, or begin a trust, planning a gift now can be a part of your year-end tax planning and tax savings' strategy.

At year's end, many people also take time to review their overall estate plans. Remember, as you are reviewing your estate plans, that they, too, can include North Carolina Baptist Men and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. There are many ways to arrange meaningful gifts as a part of estate plans. While reviewing your plans, remember wills, retirement plans, and life insurance offer convenient opportunities for significant contributions to North Carolina Baptist Men through North Carolina Missions Development.

As you consider your year-end contribution and other estate planning options, be assured North Carolina Missions Development and the North Carolina Baptist Foundation are poised to offer assistance as you contemplate your gift. Through your gift you will touch countless men, women, boys, and girls with the hope, joy, and love of Jesus Christ.

# NC Volunteers In Missions Sunday Is February 22, 1998

February 22, 1998 is a great time to recognize and promote volunteer missions in your church. In North Carolina, we have resources now to help promote this special day in your church. Our theme this year is "Every Christian A Missionary...Let Your Light Shine." From a poster with pictures of NC volunteers to some ways your church can celebrate volunteerism, this packet can help you. A packet will be sent to church Brotherhood directors in December and if you do not receive one, call Lisa Chilson at (800) 395-5102, ext. 333 to place your order or fill out the order form on the back of this magazine.

# help hurting children, healing broken families

## "Hands On" Missions at Baptist Children's Homes of NC

Your Baptist Children's Homes serves 1,400 children each year at 12 facilities across the state. It serves those children with loving staff in dozens of buildings that need maintenance and repair. From the brand new John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage going up at Mills Home, to the Whitty Cottage built in 1903 that housed children until it was taken down in March, BCH has buildings and grounds that could use the attention of **Baptist Men**.

Work groups can give a weekend or a week for grounds maintenance at a residential campus, to roofing, carpeting, remodeling, painting, putting up curtains or cleaning and repairing windows. Doing these tasks would free the small maintenance staffs for other work.

All facilities can use help at some time or another. So it is almost certain your group can find a place to serve at a time convenient to its schedule.

## Call An Area Director To Discuss Service Possibilities!

| | | |
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| Thomasville Area | Bill Scarlett | (910) 474–1200 |
| Western Area | Reggie Gilmore | (704) 627–9254 |
| Kinston Area | Tim Smith | (919) 522–0811 |
| Pembroke Area | Larry Sawyer | (910) 521–3433 |
| Lenoir Area | Donna Lail | (704) 757–0700 |

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**January**

25 Baptist Men's Day in the Churches
30–31 NC Baptist Men's Convention, Raleigh

**February**

22 Volunteers in Missions Day Emphasis

**March**

13–14 NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway Conference Center

**April**

18 Lad/Crusader Congresses
17–19 Adult Campcraft Traning, Caraway Campgrounds
24–25 Disaster Relief Expo, Caraway

# Organizing Men In Ministry

HOW TO ORGANIZE AN EFFECTIVE MEN'S MINISTRY/BAPTIST MEN'S GROUP IN YOUR CHURCH

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BAPTIST MEN/MEN'S MINISTRY?

Baptist Men exists to help churches involve their members in missions. Every Christian is called, gifted and sent to witness and minister to nonbelivers everywhere. All people, not just ordained ministers, are equally responsible to be witnesses for Christ.

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## HOW CAN I ORGANIZE OUR MEN TO BE INVOLVED IN MISSIONS AND MINISTRY?

In order to involve the men of your church in missions, you must have an

effective planning, promotion and communication network. The best way to do this is to have a Men's Ministry or Baptist Men's council. Ideally, this council is made up of all the mission project coordinators plus one Baptist Men representative in every adult Sunday School class with male members. These Baptist Men representatives make announcements in their Sunday School classes regarding upcoming events, missions meetings and projects. Doing mission projects is the best way to involve your men in missions.

## WHAT IS A CHURCH BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION?

Brotherhood work includes Lad and Crusader Royal Ambassadors (grades 1-6), Challengers (grades 7-12), and Men's Ministry/Baptist Men. The church Brotherhood director is responsible for the men and boys program in the church. The church Brotherhood director also has responsibility for church-wide missions involvement. In addition to these responsibilities, the Brotherhood director should represent the entire Brotherhood program on the Church Council and on the Missions Development Council.

The Brotherhood director works with all age-level leadership in discovering mission needs and ways to channel individuals' gifts to help meet those needs. He should work closely with the WMU director to promote the various mission offerings in the church. He should also help involve the church in mission projects in the community.

The main focus is simply this: to involve your church in missions. The organizational structure is not as important as achieving this overall purpose. The structure should be as simple as possible and fit your particular church situation.

The chart on the opposite page shows one possible way to organize your church Brotherhood.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COORDINATORS

**Angel Tree coordinator** – Angel Tree is a joint ministry with Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts such as clothing and toys to the children of prison inmates. This should be a church-wide mission project.

**Housewarming coordinator** – This is a ministry for providing firewood to needy families during the winter months. Baptist Men's groups cut, split, and deliver the wood to a selected number of families or individuals on a regular basis

**Habitat coordinator** – Many churches are involved in building houses by cooperating with Habitat for Humanity. You may decide to have someone in your group who would be responsible for relating to a local Habitat project, and informing the other members of the group and your church about ways to be involved in this ministry.

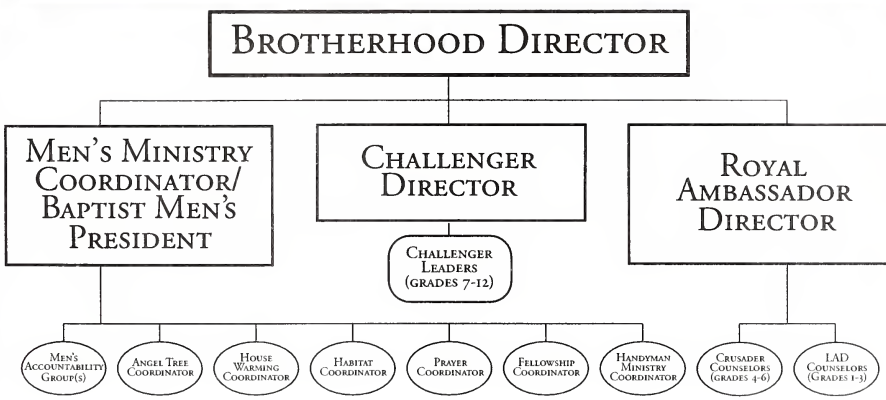
**Prayer coordinator** – Prayer is the one thing that anyone can do. Prayer should

undergird everything we do for the sake of the kingdom. While any Christian can pray, it is helpful for someone to take the lead in keeping prayer needs before the other members of the group, or to coordinate a men's weekly prayer meeting.

**Fellowship coordinator** – Occasionally members need to get together for a time of fellowship and sharing. Some examples of fellowship events are cookouts, golf tournaments, fishing tournaments, or other sporting events. These events also provide an opportunity to invite men who are not normally involved to come and discover what missions is about.

**Handyman ministry coordinator** – Many churches have discovered that there is a real interest in doing building projects that are less involved, but just as important, as larger building projects. A handyman project may be something as simple as a minor home repair or as complicated as replacing a roof. Someone must take the lead in locating needs, insuring that materials are available, and scheduling the work.

## Suggested Church Brotherhood Organization



**Men's accountability group coordinator** – Men's accountability (small) groups are designed to help men become better husbands, fathers, and more mature Christians. Many men are meeting in accountability groups, spiritual development groups, or other small groups. Someone needs to coordinate the schedules, facilities and resources for these groups.

For more information on how to start a Baptist Men/Men's Ministry group, or for information about any of these programs, call North Carolina Baptist Men at (800) 395-5102 ext. 331 or (919) 467-5100 ext. 331.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN IN CARY, NC

1) *Men on Mission quarterly magazine*
2) *1997-98 North American Mission Board catalog*
3) *Handbook for Hands-On Missions*
4) *There are many video and audio tapes available on various home, state and foreign mission projects. Call the BSC Audio-Visual Library at (800) 395-5102 ext. 160 or (919) 467-5100 ext. 160 to request a catalog.*
5) *Brotherhood Starter Kit (free packet for new Royal Ambassador or Men's Ministry/Baptist Men leaders)*

*For any of the above resources contact:*
*NC Baptist Men*
*PO Box 1107*
*Cary, NC 27512–1107*
*(800) 395–5102, ext. 331 (NC only)*
*(919) 467–5100 ext. 331 (outside NC)*
*e-mail: kmorgan@bscnc.org*

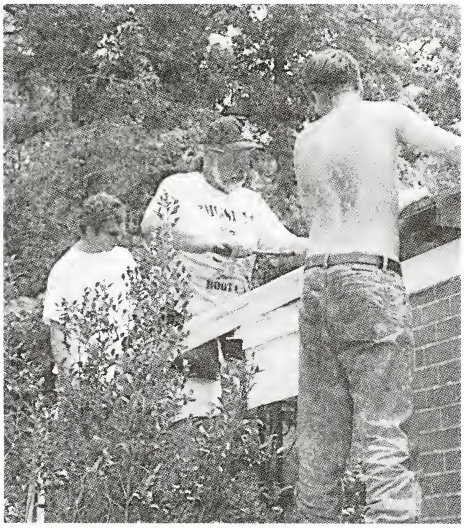
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NC
PO BOX 1107
CARY, NC 27512-1107
www.ncmissions.org

# NC Volunteers — Snapshots From The Field

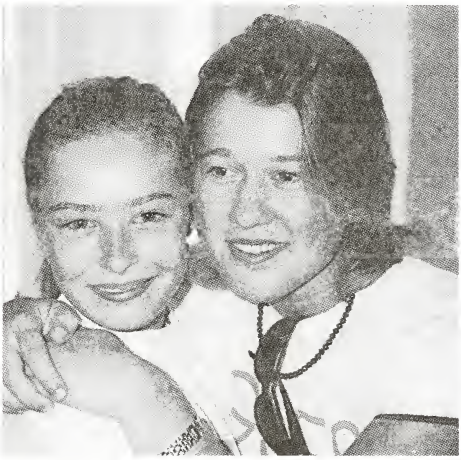
## Highlight: Mission Boot Camp

Youth groups from 12 churches across the state of North Carolina participated in a seven-day training on how to do Hands On Missions. The youth groups came together at the NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell) July 12–19, 1997 and learned how to do specific mission projects ranging from singing to construction to Backyard Bible Clubs to servant evangelism. Then, during the week, the teens went out into Brunswick and New Hanover Counties and did missions. The day was completed by coming back and celebrating with singing, testimonies, and free time! The kids really learned from this and to date three of these churches went home and found needs in their own communities that they met as a result of the Missions Boot Camp. An important aspect of this camp is that it gave kids the opportunity to see the importance of missions right in their own state and it made them think about their own communities. Approximately 30 professions of faith were made that week out of the 300 who participated. Many more rededicated their lives and came forward for prayer concerning personal issues they were dealing with.

Churches who participated were: Cornerstone, Charlotte; First Church, Rural Hall; Bethany Church, Winston-Salem; Duke Memorial, Spring Hope; Kenansville Church, Kenansville; Macedonia, Lincolnton; Mt. Zion, Alexis; Oakhurst, Asheboro; Plainview, Durham; Quaker Gap, King; Rolesville Church, Rolesville; First Church, Swannanoa; Wake Forest Church, Wake Forest.



*"I'd recommend missions like this even if you think you don't have any talent...everyone has something they can give." Matt*



*Olga from Belarussia and Marta from Spain were visiting local churches for the summer and joined us for boot Camp. They had a lot of fun and came to know Christ in some very special ways.*

*"One of the best experiences I had was being able to give a Bible to this little guy who came to the basketball camp...his eyes lit up when he found out that it was for him and him alone." Billy*

### PHOTOS

*If you have special memories from a mission trip, enclose a few pictures of your task, the name of your team members, a few quotes from them about their experience, and mail to: NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107, Attention: Lisa*

*"We didn't know what an impact we had on people...It showed me that we never know who is watching what we do." Leslie*

# BAPTIST MEN SHIRTS AND HATS AVAILABLE

| | NCBM Golf Shirt-Green $27.00 each | | | NCBM Golf Shirt–Striped $25.00 each | | | NCBM White T-shirts $6.00 each | | |
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| **Size:** | Medium | Large | X-large | Medium | Large | X-large | Medium | Large | X-large |
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| | NCBM Hats $7.00 each | | | | |
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| **Color:** | Black | Teal | Navy | Forest Green | Purple |
| **Quantity:** | | | | | |

| | Challenger Hats $12.00 each | Royal Ambassador Hats Khaki/Green–$12.00 each | Royal Ambassador Hats Khaki/Blue–$12.00 each |
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BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC

*Caring For Our Families*

# Making Life For Older Adults… The Best Of Times

Week of Prayer:
February 1–8, 1998

North Carolina Offering for Older Adults
Goal: $450,000

# Caring For Our Families

## An Interview with Juanita Lojko, Chair Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

Wedding photos…graduation diplomas…baby books… birthday cards. These are the treasured mementos that track the span of a lifetime. Often a single photograph can evoke the feelings of a moment past, a lesson learned or personal joy or satisfaction. These moments are the pieces that create the unique tapestry that God has carefully woven with our lives.

*"As we grow from child to parent, to adult child and often caregiver to our spouses or parent, different priorities emerge and personal needs change," points out Juanita Lojko, Chair of Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. "Within the last 50 years, what we have known as the traditional life cycle for Americans has evolved dramatically. Improvements in medicine, coupled with our own conscious efforts to stay active and healthy have literally added years to our lives."*

There are now over 30 million people age 65 and over in the United States, representing almost 12% of our population. By 2020, researchers predict that one out of every five Americans will be active retirees.

*"While the numbers of retirees rise, the options as we grow older are also increasing," Juanita explains. "As they age, some older adults are moving in with their children or into retirement communities while others are contracting for in-home care services. Though every family is unique, issues like financial investments and medical care must play vital roles in the decisions we make about retirement. Questions like 'Whom do I want to take care of me if medical care is necessary? How will I support myself if my spouse passes away? Should we stay in our home – or move closer to family?' All should be considered."*

For forty-five years, Baptist Retirement Homes has worked to address these exact issues for North Carolina's growing population of retirees. With four retirement communities throughout the state – the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, the Taylor House in Albemarle and the Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, Baptist Retirement Homes offers retirees a variety of lifestyle options – suited to their individual needs.

This year, our Week of Prayer material emphasizes exploring the Older Adult and his/her family relationships. We'll discuss how we can grow closer as a family, by understanding and respecting each family member's needs – and anticipating the joys and challenges of this new era in the family cycle.

# Being A Family Caregiver

## An Interview with Doris Blackwell

It has been said that there are four kinds of people in this world: Those who have been caregivers, those who currently are caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregiving. An estimated 5% of Older Adults requiring care in America in 1997 receive it in institutions. Family and friends attend to most care recipients at home. Whether by personal choice, or financial necessity, many of us will be an active caregiver to our parents, a spouse or other loved one.

All family caregivers need to take care of themselves. This may mean asking sons and daughters and brothers and sisters to assist in ways they haven't before, and not expecting the oldest or the closest or the female adult child to take on all the responsibility. It may mean setting reasonable limits on the demands of the ill person – not giving in to requests to run upstairs ten times a day, not giving up much-needed social contacts and activities, and not getting into the habit of doing things the sick person is capable of doing for himself or herself. It may mean recognizing that the time may come when a healthcare facility can provide the best care for the parent or spouse.

*"When my husband was sick, he moved directly into the Prince Nursing Center at the Brookridge Retirement Community," relates Doris Blackwell. "I moved into Independent Living six months later. His move was a very hard decision for me to make and very hard to do. Our doctor, a geriatrician, was a great help to my family in making the decision for my husband to move. He explained that my health would deteriorate if we didn't seek care for my husband."*

*Mrs. Blackwell noted, "For those who have been in long and happy marriages, caring for one's ill and incapacitated husband or wife is often an unquestioned part of the marital commitment. Spouses usually feel that caregiving is their responsibility, and experience feelings of guilt and inadequacy if they can't do it all on their own. It's natural too for the caregiving partner to feel grief and sadness at the loss of the way the mate used to be."*

*"At first," says Mrs. Blackwell, "my family couldn't understand why I would want to move to Brookridge, too. We had a lovely home in Old Salem but it was so lonesome after my husband moved. I wanted to be close to him, and be as much a part of his life as possible."*

Being a caregiver can be a beautiful, rewarding, yet often challenging experience. By preparing and educating ourselves about what to expect – from ourselves and from our loved one – we can lessen many of our frustrations as a family caregiver.

# Living Together As An Extended Family

## An Interview with Calvin Knight

Many families invite loved ones into their homes after a hospital discharge or the death of a spouse. Others make plans for sharing their home when the parents are still quite independent, because living in multigenerational households is customary and expected in their families.

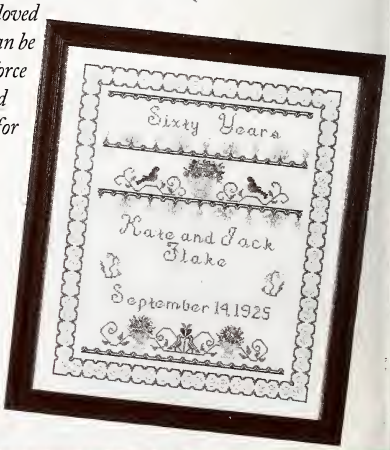
*"Living together as an extended family offers many advantages – it can make caregiving more convenient, ease financial strains on the family, provide for close relationships between grandparents and grandchildren, and create a safe environment for the older generation," explains Calvin Knight, Chaplain of the Brookridge Retirement Community.*

Two-career couples, houses that afford less privacy and longer life expectancy make the choice of living as an extended family less automatic than it used to be. One factor to be considered is whether a family may have to give up working, or work fewer hours, in order to care for the older person. Another consideration is space – whether other family members will need to be displaced, whether the home can be adapted to any physical limitations, and how arrangements can be made to allow for enough privacy for all family members.

*"Even when all members of the family are enthusiastic about the living arrangement, conflicts and tension may arise because of unclear expectations," counsels Chaplain Knight. "The older person may not know whether help with cooking and other household work is wanted or resented. The adult children may not know whether the parent wants to be included when guests are invited, or would prefer not to join in. A woman may feel uncomfortable talking on the phone when her mother-in-law is in the room, but may feel it is rude to go into another room."*

These kinds of uncertainties mount up and can damage family relationships. Everyone will breathe easier if they can sit down and talk about organizing their time apart and together, so that no one will feel that they have to walk on eggs and risk hurt feelings.

*"Living together as an extended family can be part of the natural rhythm of life," notes Chaplain Knight. "For our family, it's been a wonderful opportunity to work together, develop better relationships and discover new strengths in each other. The whole enterprise of ensuring good care for someone loved in common can be a powerful force for unity and satisfaction for a family."*



# The Older Adult and Family Relationships

## An Interview with Peggy Noel, M.D.

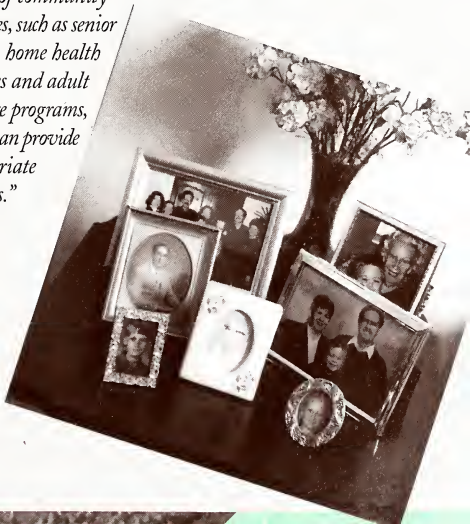
As our roles change throughout the family life cycle, so do our family relationships. Growing older brings a new set of priorities, challenges and fears for each family member.

*"Gradual losses of hearing, vision, memory, and the onset of arthritis may cause many Older Adults to withdraw from their normal social life," explains Peggy Noel, M.D., Geriatric Physician and Director of the Center for Older Adults at Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital in Asheville. "Such limitations and losses may cause depression and stress, but usually people do not talk about them as the reasons they don't want to drive, or accept invitations, or continue with activities that have previously been pleasurable and meaningful. Staying in touch becomes increasingly important. With regular contact – by phone if we live at a distance – we can be aware of changes in our parents' activities and in their personalities that may signal a need for more assistance."*

It may take years for change to occur. On the other hand, change may come suddenly in the form of a sudden crisis such as an accident, a stroke or heart attack. Whether these realizations come slowly or quickly, the result is the same. Parents and children switch roles.

*Dr. Noel observes, "If the adult children have a family of their own and feel constrained by time, or are simply not ready for this responsibility, they may feel guilty, angry or anxious. If the parents are struggling with their loss of independence, their reaction to needing care from their children may be frustration and resistance. Frequently, problems arise between siblings who live near relatives and those who do not, due to differences in perspective and attitudes towards their parents."*

*So how can it work? "We should all understand that living a long life usually means becoming dependent on others at some point. Preparedness is important, whether we're the caregivers or the receivers of care," says Dr. Noel. "The church can be a vital source of help and information, especially when family members don't live in the same town. Ministers often are aware of changes that occur among members of their congregation, and can alert families. As changes occur and needs increase, it's important to become aware of community resources, such as senior centers, home health agencies and adult day care programs, which can provide appropriate services."*



# Where To Live: A Family Decision

## An Interview with Jane Jackson Thomas

Deciding where we, whether single or married, will live later in life is one of the most difficult decisions we have to make, and one that has an impact on every member of the family.

Today, Older Adults have more options than ever before. Some Older Adults are moving in with their children or hiring live-in help. Others are moving into institutional settings.

*"Many older people who move to retirement communities take to them enthusiastically right from the beginning, as my parents did," says Jane Jackson Thomas whose parents moved to the Brookridge Retirement Community in 1991. "They enjoy the increased social contact. They welcome the relief from housekeeping chores. Having meals with other people improves their pleasure in eating and their nutrition. Having neighbors and caregivers close by makes them feel secure and protected. Parents and children can enjoy each other more, and find time for long conversations that strengthen family bonds.*

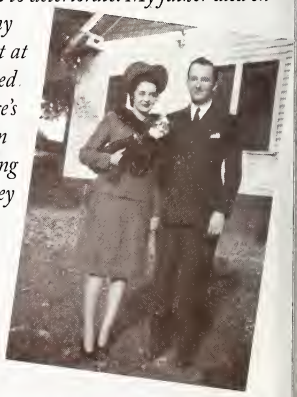
At times, a move is prompted by the adult children's concern for the parents' safety. The children may observe that the parent forgets to take medication, is unable to hear the phone ringing, doesn't see well enough to drive safely, or would be alone and helpless in the event of an accident or emergency. The concern for safety often must be balanced against the older person's desire for independence and willingness to tolerate danger.

Often, the need for a change of residence is first recognized by the parents.

*As Jane Jackson Thomas relates, "I remember well the day my parents approached my husband and me with the concept of moving into a retirement community. It was only fitting that Mother and Daddy would focus on the Baptist Retirement Homes for they already had friends there, and in my parents' minds, there was no other choice. They knew their life situation was changing and they wanted to be prepared for the future.*

*"A Brookridge advertisement in the paper featured my parents' picture from time to time, with a short message from them. As they stated, 'We appreciate the peace of mind that comes with knowing that if we need help, it's right here.'"*

*"That prophetic phrase proved true in the last year, as both my parents' health began to deteriorate. My father died on January 12, 1997 and my mother is now a resident at Brookridge in the Assisted Living Unit. Brookridge's ministry of love has been demonstrated to me during this difficult time, for they have carried out my parents' hopes for peace of mind."*



# Love In The Older Years

## An Interview with Leroy and Sara Parker

After becoming a medical doctor, then traveling around America, Dr. Leroy Parker felt called to enroll in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to prepare for work in ministry. It was there that he met Sara Kanoy, who was enrolled in the WMU Training School.

*"It was my senior year," says Dr. Parker. "We were attending a function at House Beautiful. I spotted her red socks across the room, wrangled an introduction by several North Carolina boys, and asked her if she'd like to take a walk. I was so smitten, I turned down a job offer and stayed on for a year of post graduate work to make sure I had a chance with her."*

Needless to say, the feeling was mutual. That was 54 years ago, in 1943.

*"We've had a wonderful marriage, but there's never been a perfect marriage," explains Sara. "You must feel a commitment. We've always attempted to follow God's will, and we really love and respect each other. We also believe it's very important to work, plan and play together...and if you are blessed with children to make a point to be a part of their lives."*

*"Of course, we've had our share of difficulties, especially where health is concerned. Leroy fell off the roof several years ago and was not expected to live. Our granddaughter died of leukemia. And, I have had cancer. But prayer has always sustained our marriage and our family."*

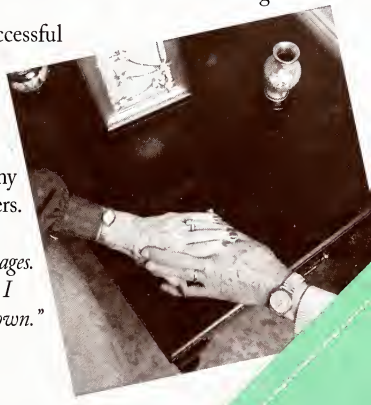
When asked to describe the ingredients for a long and happy marriage, Dr. Parker recited the following:

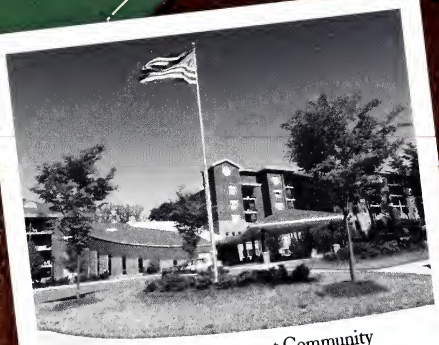
**"Ten Commandments for Husbands and Wives"**
*by Hughes Wagner.*

*Scripture - I Corinthians 13*

1. Thou shalt understand what marriage really is.
2. Thou shalt accept each other for what each is.
3. Thou shalt talk things through.
4. Thou shalt trust one another.
5. Thou shalt forgive one another.
6. Thou shalt develop a sense of humor.
7. Thou shalt be loyal to one another.
8. Thou shalt take the positive approach.
9. Thou shalt cultivate thy romance.
10. Thou shalt make thine a Christian marriage.

With such a successful marriage, it's fitting that Dr. Parker has performed the marriage ceremony for so many others. *"I've performed hundreds of marriages. And, every time, I recommit to my own."*





Brookridge Retirement Community
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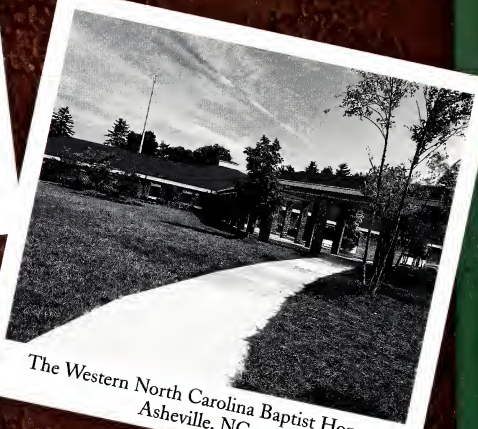

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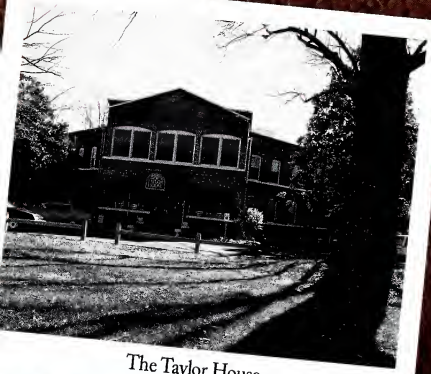

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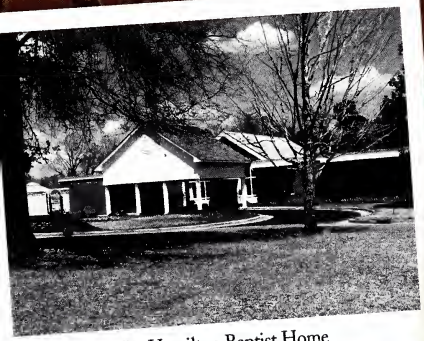

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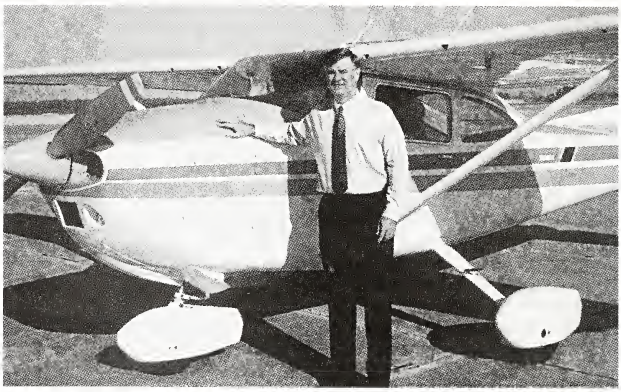
# Angel Flight



On September 10, I had a chance to make my third Baptist Men's Angel Flight.

If you are a member of our aviation ministry you probably know that Angel Flights require 200 hours of flight time as pilot in command, and an IFR rating. You may also have heard me say that I am working on my IFR rating and don't have it yet, (I'm wondering if I ever will.) So, how can Bob Foy be making Angel Flights? Well, let me tell you about a neat arrangement that's working great for me and may work for you, too!

My flight instructor, Gene Branson, is also one of our Baptist Men pilots and has globs of flight time and nearly all the ratings. When an opening in his schedule allows him to make an Angel Flight for our ministry, he calls me and says it is time for me to get another flight lesson. I think he even tries to take flights when the weather is iffy, so I'll get some real IFR flying in. I also believe he has some way of knowing what the weather is going to be before he picks the trips for us weeks ahead of time. Hey, that's ok with me, as long as he's in the plane with me.

Our trip was to help transport a nine-month old baby boy to a hospital in Philadelphia that has developed a special treatment for eye cancer, which the young boy has. His mother, who had the same type of eye cancer and has already lost one of her eyes, told me that her mother was completely blind after losing both of her eyes to the same type of cancer, which is hereditary. The hospital's new type of treatment will allow her son to keep his sight, if he can get the treatments over a period of time.

The family lives in Florida, so repeated trips to the hospital in Philadelphia, along with the expense of the treatments, was more than they can afford. Angel Flight of Mid East coordinated the flight by having a pilot in the Florida area to fly them to Greensboro, where Gene and I met them and flew them on to Philadelphia.

Before we boarded Gene's Cessna Centurion 210 airplane, I asked the boy's father if we could have a prayer for a safe flight to the hospital and ask God to be with and direct the doctors during the treatment. I never will forget the surprised look on the parents' faces when I asked if I could have the prayer. They both looked at me with a strange questioning stare and short pause before answering yes. After our brief prayer, we got on the plane and had a beautiful and smooth flight in great flying weather.

I still wonder about the pause and surprised looks on the parents' faces. Could it be that no one has ever had prayer with them? Did they not know the Great God of healing that we were talking to? I don't know the answer. The noise of the plane, the fact that Gene and I both had headsets on and were busy with the IFR flight communications, the quickness of the flight, and their tight time schedule to the hospital all prevented the opportunity I was waiting on, to speak to them further about our Lord.

I do know that the flight to the hospital for the young boy's treatment was what Jesus would want us to do. In fact, He has told us that when we minister to the least of these we have done it unto Him. I really wish we could witness to them verbally also.

Gene and I talked about their surprised look on the way home, and he said it may have had something to do with "me being the co-pilot praying to God for a safe trip" that may have scared them. Maybe?

The two-hour trip back home was my IFR lesson and, sure enough, about an hour of it was in real IFR weather. This kind of experience is hard to get, and it was great.

Why not get your flight instructor to join our aviation ministry and get set up to make Angel Flights? Let your flight lessons become a spiritual lesson in ministry, also! If we take Jesus at His word, flying others in need is the same as flying for Him.

Think about that for a minute. Call us if you'd like to get involved in this new area of ministry.

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# Volunteers Serve At Immanuel Church, Fayetteville

On October 9–12 and 16–18, 225 volunteers went to Immanuel Church, Fayetteville, to help rebuild the Fellowship Hall that had been damaged by Hurricane Fran. The following poem was written by Bea Barfield about this experience.

***They Raised The Roof***

*Hurricane Fran slammed into town*
*Uprooting trees — blowing shingles around.*
*All night long strong winds blew*
*When morning came what a terrible view!*
*Immanuel's Fellowship Hall's roof was on the ground;*
*Inside the building no dry spot was found.*
*The insurance company did not want to pay*
*Negotiations went on day after day.*
*One year later the funds came through,*
*But not enough for what we needed to do.*
*To the North Carolina Baptist Disaster Team a call went out.*
*We need help at Immanuel Church, without a doubt.*
*And come they did from all over the state*
*More than a hundred answered the call, isn't that great?*
*From seventy-seven years old to a twelve-year-old lad,*
*Who came with his grandmother, each gave all that he had.*
*They swarmed over the building, like ants in a hill.*
*There was so much action, no one was still.*
*Trusses gleamed against a blue sky;*
*Dot Johnson said, "Now we can cry."*
*We know that we've been truly blest*
*The Master's work was being done, who needed a rest?*
*From Thursday at noon to Saturday late*
*The new roof was almost finished and it's hard to wait.*
*Until we see it all finished — inside and out*
*It will make worship easier, that's what it's all about.*
*So to the Disaster Team we say, "Thank you!"*
*For helping us, and for helping others, too.*

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## PROMISE KEEPERS 1998 CLERGY CONFERENCE

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**Tuesday, February 10, 1998**

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# Homeland Projects

God calls each of us to different tasks as we minister to others in the name of Jesus. He calls some, and they respond immediately. He calls others, and they find reasons not to answer God's call. When we do not answer God's call, we miss a blessing that God was ready to give us. Many men are involved in several of the Baptist Men's ministries, either in our home communities, at other places in North Carolina, or around the world. Jesus said, you are my disciples. When we go in His name we fulfill the command Jesus gave each of us. Thank you to all who have and continue to serve Jesus through participation in Homeland Projects. Some areas that need your help now are as follows:

**New Hope in Christ, Morganton**

This project is progressing well. At the time of this writing, the building is dried in and is ready for doors and windows. According to Albert Stevens, on-site coordinator, commitments have been made to get the brickwork completed before cold weather comes. Volunteers are needed to get this church building roughed-in and ready to begin finish work. The plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work have not been started at this writing. Volunteers are needed every week as this building is being done. Some work is being done daily, but most volunteers are working on Friday and Saturday. Whenever you can help with this church building contact Albert Stevens, on-site coordinator, at (704) 437–5188 or (704) 431–0089 (mobile). We encourage all to go and help with this project.

**Mundo Vista, Asheboro**

When I was at this site in early October, I found that renovations have been completed on one of the five units. Some work has been done on all of the units. Windows and new entrance doors have been installed in all of the camper cabins. Each of the units has five camper cabins. Work is progressing in units two and three, and much interior work is needed to complete these units before next camping season. Some volunteers from Campers on Mission were working on this project when I was there. Since our number of new churches is not as large at this time, the completion of this project can mean much to the GA camping program at Mundo Vista. Why not consider taking a group of your men to Asheboro soon? This would be an excellent mission project for the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. For more infomation and to schedule work dates, contact Bob Wainwright at (919) 693–5004 or Bob Navey at the camp at (910) 625–4828.

**NC Baptist Assembly, Caswell**

On my recent visit to Caswell, David Lloyd told me about the work that is to be done this year at Caswell. As has been done for many years, major renovations are continuing through the winter months. There are many opportunities for men to work with our very fine staff at the NC Baptist Assembly. They can use your help for a week or a day. Why not get together a group of men from your church, a group of churches, or from your association to go and help with the work at Caswell? To schedule housing and work time contact David Lloyd or John Bowling at (910) 278–9501.

**Pittsboro Hispanic Mission, Pittsboro**

This project is now complete, and the Hispanic congregation is making good use of the building. The dedication service was held on September 7, 1997. Thank you again to all who helped us complete this project.

**Westwood Church, Statesville**

At this writing Daryl Harbin told me this building is complete. He did express disappointment at the lack of volunteers he has had from Baptist Men on this project.

We wish the Westwood congregation much success as that group of God's people minister in the Statesville area.

**Friendship Church, Greensboro**

Help is needed to do finishing touches to this building. The landscaping is almost finished. There are several things which need finishing inside to get the building ready for service. If you can help, contact Barry Neely, DOM, (910) 275–7651.

**POSSIBLE UPCOMING PROJECTS:**

**Piedmont Association, Greensboro**

New Vietnamese church building and a new Hispanic church building.

**Sandy Creek Association, Sanford**

New Hispanic church building in Siler City. Construction should begin on this building within the next few months.

**Tar River Association, Louisburg**

New Hispanic church building.

**Bladen Association, Elizabethtown**

Church of the Good Shepherd Baptist Mission.

**New Korean Church in Charlotte**

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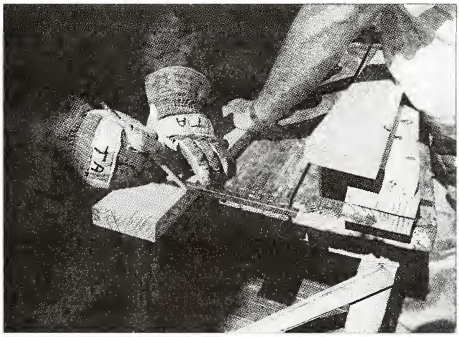

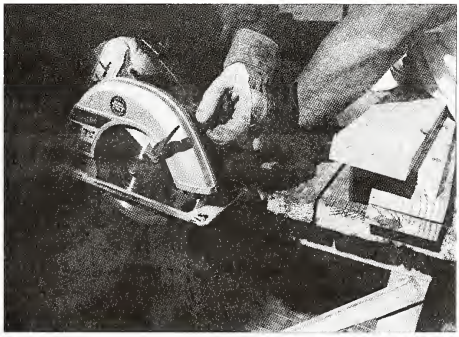

# International Mission Projects

Some people think that the winter months are not for construction projects. While this holds true for the Ukraine, it's not true for South Africa and Wenegirode, Germany.

For the Ukraine we have had a good year with three medical teams, 23 construction teams, and eight combined medical/construction teams. Now is the time for planning for next year. Yes, the partnership will be extended one more year. The International Mission Board has indicated that another state is planning to partner with Ukraine in 1999. Gene Kirby will be working on teams for 1998.

The South Africa partnership is going great with more than 300 volunteers this year, and the projects are open year-round. Some specific projects have been requested, and we are recruiting volunteers on a statewide basis to do these projects. By the way, it is mid-summer in Africa in December.

The German project is year-round work. Much of the work to be done is inside. Jasper and Sue Evans are in Wenegirode as host and hostess and construction supervisor. We only have a few teams to recruit for 1998.

You have probably read that Russia has passed a law restricting certain religious groups. We don't know how this will affect volunteer work in Russia and other East European countries, so pray for all Christians in Russia that they will continue to be able to worship and build churches. Also pray that the countries will be open to Christian volunteers who come in to work with Russian Christians.

Lisa Chilson edits a booklet titled "Baptists On Mission." Look through the booklet and let God lead you to participate in one of the many volunteer projects. If you would like a copy of this booklet, check the appropriate item on the back page.

I wish you a joyful holiday season this year and may God bless you in a special way.

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## LAY REVIVAL

# Spiritual Discernment

I praise and thank God for the blessed privilege of serving with our staff, officers, board members, coordinators, and team members as president of the Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation and State NC Baptist Men Lay Revival Coordinator for the next year! What a great privilege, opportunity and joy of being a co-laborer with you and with God. You and I, as human leaders, are only instruments of God to accomplish HIS work through this ministry. We are HIS stewards, and I believe that one day our faithfulness will be judged by HIM. Someone has said that there are three kinds of people in the business world: (1) those movers and shakers who make things happen; (2) those who watch things happen; and (3) those who ask, "What happened?" Just so, someone else has said that in the spiritual world there are three kinds of people: (1) those who are spiritually dead — natural man; (2) those who are spiritually immature — carnal man; and (3) those who are spiritually discerning — spiritual man. The natural man does not have the Spirit of God and, therefore, cannot understand or apply spiritual truths. The carnal man is a Christian who is acting like a natural man. His growth is stunted. He is still feeding on "milk" when he should be eating "meat." The spiritual man has the "mind of Christ" and is able to take the truths of God's Word and translate them into obedient action. I trust that in the year ahead we, as leaders, will stay close to the Lord through His Word and prayer in order that we may have "the mind of Christ" and spiritual discernment. I pray that we will continually yield ourselves unreservedly to the Holy Spirit of God that we may be in His will for our lives. I pray that we will have the courage to step out in the faith which we already have in order to do and say the things that the Holy Spirit would have us do and say, that will bring Honor and Glory and Praise to Him, knowing and believing that He will meet our puny strength with His Almighty Power. I look forward with great anticipation and expectation to the prospect of working with our fine staff, officers, and board members; of serving you; and, most of all, at what God, through His Holy Spirit, is going to do in our midst in the days and months ahead. Thank you for allowing me to serve and may God richly bless you and yours always and in all ways as we labor together with Him.

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## PRAYER SUPPORT

# Prayer Support Ministry

Pray for the Pathan people group with a population of 17 million. Most of these people live in Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan. Of all the Pathan people, there are 1700 believers. Pray that the Pathan people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Christ Jesus.

Pray for the Khmer people group which has a population of eight million. Most of these people live in Cambodia. Of all the Khmer people, there are 20,000 believers. Pray that the Khmer people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Christ Jesus.

Pray for the Amdo people group which has a population of 810,000. Most of these people live in Qinghai, Sichuan, or Gansu in China (formerly Tibet). Of all the Amdo people, there are 20 believers. Pray that the Amdo people will come to know of God's love for them as revealed in Christ Jesus.

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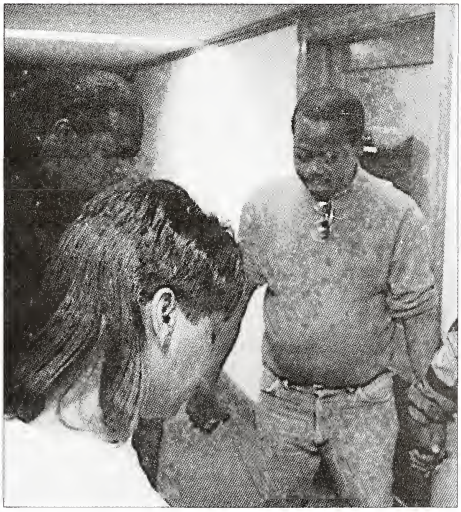

## LAY RENEWAL

# ExAlt — EXciting ALTernative For New Year's Eve

***Mark Your Calendar Now***
***December 31-January 1***
***Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro***

Where will you be December 31, 1997 and January 1, 1998? Where will you be New Year's morning 2000? We don't know, do we? Many of us will be in Glory and that is as good as it gets. I believe that there are focal dates and times, don't you? We need to be pulling ourselves together and fanning the flames as to how we can generate revival fires in these last days of the 20th Century. Plan now to celebrate the entrance of 1998 with people who support lay evangelism. Our 1998 ExAlt Celebration will be at the beautiful Caraway Conference Center. A magnificent celebration program is coming together. Jim Royston, Executive Director Elect, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be the keynote speaker.

Call (800) 395–5102, ext. 341 for registration information or check the appropriate item on the back page. *Space may be limited!* The cost is $75 per couple; $40 per individual.

## SPORTS IN MISSIONS

# Sports Opportunities in Africa

Michael and Tammy Bradley are an uncommon couple. While it is not hard to find a husband and wife who both teach in North Carolina public schools, it is more difficult to find a situation where both are on the coaching staff. At Barlett-Yancey High School in Caswell County (Mike) and Chapel Hill High School (Tammy), the Bradleys spend their spring afternoons on their schools' diamonds as head baseball and fastpitch softball coaches.

Mike, a native of Wilmington, Delaware, came south to play football and baseball at Chowan College. After receiving his bachelor's degree from High Point College, Mike returned to Chowan to coach baseball and football for five years, followed by a three-year stint on the baseball staff at Duke University. While at Chowan, Mike, met and fell in love with Tammy. They were married in 1984 and now have four beautiful children.

Their testimony concerning how they became involved with Oak Grove Church in Mebane illustrates why "Sports Missions" exists as a ministry of North Carolina Baptist Men. The Bradleys had lived in Mebane for a little more than two years but had not found a church home when, in the summer of 1988, they happened to drive by the Oak Grove Church softball field while the women's softball team was practicing. They stopped to watch, and Tammy was invited to participate. An invitation to attend services was issued before they left for home. Nine years later, Mike is a deacon, and the Bradley family is among Oak Grove's most faithful.

Mike's deep, booming voice, with its distinctive "north of the Mason-Dixon line" accent, commands attention. Gifted as well with a quick wit and dry sense of humor, he established great rapport with the young men on this past summer's South Africa sports missions trip. Like so many of us who have had the opportunity to take part in short-term overseas volunteer missions projects, Mike says he was richly blessed by his experience and wants to continue to be involved in missions.

A request for two sports teams to travel to one of South Africa's neighbors to the north, Zimbabwe, has been received in the NC Baptist Men's office. The request is for a baseball team and a fastpitch softball team. Mike and Tammy have already expressed an interest in that trip. Could it be that a North Carolina Baptist church's softball team will have a part in the sharing of the gospel in Africa for a second straight summer?

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# Is Mission Kids FOR YOU?

If your church is looking for a coed children's program, look no further. MissionKids is a coed program designed to teach boys and girls, grades 1–6, about missions and to involve them in missions projects. MissionKids offers children an opportunity to learn about missions through the experience of MKs (missionary kids). Stories are told through the eyes of children of missionaries, who explain what their parents do on the mission field. The program is based on an easy-to-prepare three-part weekly meeting which includes 20 minutes of missions games and activities, 20 minutes of missions story time, and 20 minutes of activity book time. Curriculum consists of one leader's book which contains session plans and reproducible story pages for a full year, a training section for leaders, and a planning/record keeping section for organizing. There are also individual activity books for each child, based on his or her school grade. Children can earn a certificate by participating in MissionKids during the course of the year. The same certificates can be dressed up by earning an activity book completion ribbon and elective stamps throughout the year. The program includes ideas for involving children in monthly missions projects and activities, as well as fun interest activities.

To receive more information about MissionKids, please check the box on the back page of this magazine or call (800) 395-5102, ext. 335. You may also refer to the 1997–98 North American Mission Board catalogue, available from the Baptist Men's office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**RA Congresses: Saturday, April 18, 1998**

**RA Track Meet: Saturday, May 16, 1998**

**Camp Caraway: Begins June 7, 1998**

**Father/Son Mini-Camp: June 29 – July 1; July 1–3**

**RA Camporee: September 18–19, 1998**

# Distinguished Honor Chapters Recognized

Two North Carolina RA Chapters and one Challengers Unit have been selected as Distinguished Honor Chapters for 1996–97. Each candidate chapter turns in a scrapbook which chronicles its activities for the year. Any chapter/unit completing this form and submitting a scrapbook can be recognized as an Honor Chapter. Each scrapbook is judged by the State RA/Challenger Committee. Those chapters/units who go "above and beyond" in both missions and interest activities participation, and presentation of those activities in their scrapbook, may be judged to be Distinguished Honor Chapters.

As always, many excellent entries were submitted this year. Of these, three were judged to be Distinguished: The Lad chapter of Elizabeth Church in Shelby; the Crusader Chapter of Wilkesboro Church; and the Challengers Unit of Elizabeth Church in Shelby. Each of these displayed a strong involvement in chapter meetings, missions projects, and interest activities.

A set of guidelines is available from the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department for those chapters/units seeking recognition as an Honor Chapter. For more information or an Honor Chapter form, check the appropriate box on the back page of this magazine.

# Opportunity To Serve At Camp Caraway

"It sure wasn't an easy job, but it's probably the most meaningful thing I have ever done with my life." This is a quote that Mark Abernathy, director of Camp CaRAway has heard many times throughout the years from various young men who have served as counselors and counselors-in-training at camp. In fact, it's a statement that he himself has used many times since working as a staffer in the mid 1980s. "Camp CaRAway offers young Christian men a unique experience combining Christian giving and Christian growth," said Abernathy. "A staffer's job is to oversee the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of his campers 24 hours a day. That's a big responsibility. But, as I've told young men over the years, camp gives you back much more than you can ever give it. Part of the benefit comes in working on staff with other dedicated and growing young Christian men who act as a support group, praying for and keeping each other accountable. But the biggest gift is learning how to love the boys in your cabin and being used of the Lord to introduce many of them to Christ."

Sixteen college-aged counselors serve on the staff along with six rising high school seniors, called counselors-in-training (CITs). A lifeguard is also hired for the summer. The summer consists of nine weeks, beginning in 1998 on June 7 and concluding August 7. The first week is orientation, during which the staff learns all the basics of working with and ministering to boys. Prospective staff members fill out an application form

available through the North Carolina Baptist Men's office. They then have a personal interview with the camp director. All positions at camp are salaried, with counselors and lifeguard making up to $130 a week and CITs up to $85 a week.

If you know a young man who is a growing Christian, loves the outdoors, and would like to make a real difference in the lives of other young people this summer, please have him contact the NC Baptist Men's office at (800) 395-5102, ext. 335 for more information and an application.

# RA Congress Date Set

The Lad/Crusader Royal Ambassador Congress is one of the most exciting days for Royal Ambassadors across our state. Boys and their counselors come from all over to participate in fun field day activities, compete in an air rifle shooting contest, hear a missionary speaker and Christian entertainer, display entries in the missions fair, and more. The RA Congress is also the place for associational RA Racecar winner and runners-up to compete on the state level.

This year's date is Saturday, April 18. Three sites will host the RA Congress. The western congress will be at East Burke Middle School just off I-40 in Icard. The central congress will be at Mills Children's Home in Thomasville. The eastern congress will be at First Church in Kinston. Cost is only $5.00 per person and includes program and lunch. Information and a registration form will be available by January. Put this date on your calendar and we'll see you at the RA Congress! For more information about this event, please check the appropriate box on the back page of this magazine.

# Thanks For Help With Special Camps

Two weeks of camp this past summer were dedicated to two special populations of children. August 22–27 was **Camp Angel Tree**, the camp for boys who have a parent in prison. We had 73 participants this year with 28 of those standing to accept Christ as their Savior on a beautiful Thursday night commitment service by the lake. These boys are always a challenge, but they leave the staff feeling as though they have really made a difference in lives that desperately need to experience the love of Christ. August 10–13 was **Camp Kid-Care**, a camp for children who are HIV positive or who have a family member who is. The purpose of this camp, which is co-sponsored with the Baptist Aids Partnership, is to give these children a chance to drop the often overwhelming burden they carry and just have fun being kids again. All who participated in this camp - campers, staff, and medical volunteers — truly received a blessing.

Neither one of these camps would take place without your help. Many Baptists from across the state sponsored campers for these special sessions. Many others provided transportation to and from camp. These efforts, along with your prayers for this ministry, are greatly appreciated. It is our prayer that the ministry will not stop here, but that individuals from churches near these children will "adopt" them, seeking to make them and their families a part of the local church family. If you would like the name and address of one of these children near you or if you would like information on sponsoring or providing transportation for next year, please call Mark Abernathy at (800) 395-5102, ext. 335.

# "See College Days" For RA Groups

Several college campuses across the state will be the scene for "See College Days" in upcoming months. "See College Days" is an opportunity for RA, Challengers, or other church youth groups to tour local Baptist college campuses, enjoy a program and lunch, and see an exciting college ballgame. The following college campuses will be conducting "See College Days" events in the coming months:

**January 17**
*Campbell University vs. Florida International*
- morning program and lunch
- basketball game at 3:00 p.m
- $4.50/person
- contact Jerry Woods (800) 334–4111

**February 14**
*Wingate University RA Day*
- lunch and program
- basketball game at 4:00 p.m.
- contact Anne Lida (704) 233–8970

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